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For: HEPATITIS VIRUS CORE PROTEINS AS  
VACCINE PLATFORMS AND METHODS OF  
USE THEREOF

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Examiner: Z. Lucas

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 21, 2008, in which a response is due on September 22, 2008. Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 170-172, 174-178 and 188-197) for prosecution, and rodent hepadnavirus and ground squirrel hepadnavirus as species for initial examination purposes.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.